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1. The former Flugzeugwerke Wiener-Neustadt, consisting of five plants, was reorganized after the war as Wiener-Neustaedter Maschinenwerke G.m.b.H. with main offices in Vienna, Seilerstaedte. The plants were seized by USIA and the Russian Novikov was appointed general manager. The liquidation of the company has been carried out by the Austrian public administrator, Hoppe, [REDACTED]
2. One of the plants, adjoining the Raxwerke A.G., Wiener-Neustadt, was recently attached to the Raxwerke by orders of Novikov and put under joint management with Raxwerke A.G., despite the fact that the production of the two plants is quite dissimilar. It is now called Raxwerke II.
3. Raxwerke II employs 260 workers but is heavily overstaffed; monthly production consists of

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100 Land rollers (Ackerwalzen)  
100 Harrows  
20 Tischfraesen (bench milling machines)  
20 Abrichtmaschinen (dressing machines)  
20 Hay scales  
20 Automobile trailers

Repair work is also being carried out on machinery. Novikov is in charge of sales, most of which are made to Austrian dealers; the greater part of the machines are alleged to be sold on the black market.

4. Jaeger, an Austrian about 32 years old, is chief of personnel for both plants. He receives his orders from the political section of USIA and acts independently of the management and of the Russian manager, Larionov. When Jaeger assumed his new position in July 1947, he was extremely reticent concerning his background or former activities, but once boasted to one of the workers that he had attended an indoctrination school in Moscow. He is said to have lived in Russia for several years.

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